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present to him, this plaque. And I don't want to say things that will make it sound like a funeral, but after I present him with this plaque, I ask unanimous consent to bracket him as a member of the Legislature until January 1st, 2008. (Laughter/Applause.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Thanks. Thank you. You're going to be so tired of me, and I understand why. I appreciate all your patience and understanding, each one of you have given me this last year. None of us know where we're going to be next year, but I sure know where we've been the last two years. And I'm proud to be a small part of the Ninety-Seventh Legislature. I want to apologize to any of you who I've been short with or barked at; I hope you...and I know you understand that that's done in everybody's interest, and not in the interest of a few. I want to thank Jim Cudaback for being the straight man of so many of my humorous moments. And I appreciate what he's done, and he's been a pretty good sport about it. I just want to take one last moment; the reason that being Speaker is...has been such a joy, particularly with all of you, has been because of my staff. I see two of them up in the balcony, Renee and Laurie, and Jeanette, I'm sure, is probably back, still, working getting things done. But I just want to recognize the three of them. They've been wonderful. They've made your life work a lot easier and you probably didn't even know it. So, Renee, Laurie, and Jeanette, thank you very much. Senator Chambers, thank you. And I appreciate your trust and I'll always be grateful for that. Thank you. (Applause)

Senator Dierks, you're recognized for a presentation.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senators, guests, I really feel honored and privileged to be asked to say a few words about my very good friend and colleague, George Coordsen. George and I entered the Legislature in 1987. We were two members of a class of ten. Senator Roger Wehrbein was also a member of that class. George's decision to run for the Legislature, 32nd District was inspired by some of his friends. One evening after the usual game of ten point pitch, the other players were riding George about running for the Legislature. In a moment of weakness he said, if you can put a room full of people together, I will